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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HENNIKER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

1863.

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## REPORT.

*Horace Gibson, in account with the Town of Henniker, as  
Treasurer for A. D. 1862.*

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To Cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer,	
for 1861, . . . . .	\$549 75
" received of Cyrus Goss, it being the Literary Fund, . . . . .	104 22
" received of Phinehas Danforth, it being collected of the county for support of county paupers upon the town for A. D. 1862,	312 67
" received of Oliver C. Fisher, it being the interest collected on taxes of A. D. 1861, after settlement, . . . . .	3 13
" received of the county by the hand of O. C. Fisher, it being for assistance rendered to Daniel Shea and Chester Bailey's families,	47 78
" received of Nathan Sawyer, Railroad Tax,	90 41
" received of the State Treasurer, it being the amount expended by the town as aid to the families of Volunteers up to May 31, 1862, . . . . .	163 28
" and Town's Notes received of Selectmen to pay the bounties of forty-four Volunteers, the sum of one hundred fifty dollars each,	6600 00
" received of Selectmen to pay outstanding notes, and claim of E. B. S. Sanborn, . .	1625 00
" received of Oliver C. Fisher, Collector, the amount of tax committed to him for collection for A. D. 1862, . . . . .	5045 70
" received of O. C. Fisher, it being the interest collected on tax for A. D. 1862, . . . . .	21 37
	\$14563 31

We hereby certify that we have examined the several items of receipts and expenditures embraced in the foregoing Report of the Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

JAMES STRAW,  
ALONZO PATTERSON, } *Auditing Committee.*  
WILLIAM O. FOLSOM,

Henniker, Feb. 28, 1863.

*Horace Gibson, aforesaid, in account with the Town of Henniker, as Treasurer for 1862,*

	CR.
Paid James B. Brown, for breaking roads in 1861,	\$11 10
Moses H. Sawyer,	8 75
Squire Dow,	17 30
Luther Goss,	14 55
Worcester Goss,	15 67
Jeremiah Foster,	16 02
Jonathan Cogswell,	16 80
Elisha Rice,	26 55
Willard Colby,	50 00
Wm. H. Sawyer,	17 10
John Chase,	14 12
John K. Connor,	13 20
Samuel Paige,	15 15
Harris Campbell,	6 26
John Garland,	9 50
Nahum Newton,	16 95
Thomas E. Colby,	24 02
Levi Colby,	28 55
Luther H. Whitcomb,	11 70
Rial S. Rogers,	11 80
Moses Colby,	17 00
Washington Berry,	14 65
Daniel Cogswell,	8 10
Cyrus Carter,	8 64
Jason H. Whitney,	16 00
Harrison Carter,	9 91
Paul Huzzey,	20 50
Timothy Peasley,	24 40
Eldad Marsh,	24 63

Paid Ira C. Conner, for breaking roads in 1861,	\$31	40
Elisha Wood, "	24	40
Henry N. Hoyt, "	26	77
Harrison Morrill, "	16	05
Thomas W. Sargent, "	10	60
George C. Goss, "	12	10
Seth A. Morse, "	32	42
Ezra T. Folsom, " 1860 & 1861,	8	40
Samuel Paige, for repairing highways,.....	1	50
Jonathan Cogswell, for repairing highways near covered bridge, .....	9	62
Andrew D. Favor, for repairing highways in his District,.....	15	04
Henry C. Carter, for repairing highways in his District,.....	3	70
Harrison A. Rice, for drawing plank and repairing bridge,.....		75
Luther Goss, for lumber for railing on causeway near M. F. Pillsbury,.....	2	00
Squire M. Patten, for damage of plow while working on highway,.....	1	00
Zadok Duston, Jr., for 118 feet of lumber to repair highway in District No. 4,.....	1	18
Jacob Sawyer, for 560 feet of lumber for bridge,	4	48
Jewett Scribner, for 745 feet of bridge plank,..	5	59
John C. Briggs, for examining highway and attendance to Court in the suit A. Tucker vs. town, .....	4	00
John C. Briggs, for directions in repairing stone bridge,.....	1	50
Nathan Sawyer, for cash advanced and labor repairing stone bridge and lower bridge, .....	230	85
E. B. Whitman, for work on stone bridge,.....	2	00
Thomas Livingston, for repairing bridges and snowing bridge,.....	3	00
Alexander Caldwell, for damage in consequence of defect in highway,.....	1	50
Joseph Sargent, for wood delivered to Daniel Shea,.....	1	88
Dr. I. P. Chase, for attendance and medicine for Daniel Shea family, county pauper, .....	18	50
Michael Gorman, for services rendered Daniel Shea in sickness,.....	1	50
Bridget McCary, for ten weeks labor in Daniel Shea's family, .....	10	00

Paid Horace Gibson, for goods delivered Chester Bailey's family,.....	\$4 88
Benjamin F. Clark, for an obligation to take care and support Allen May in sickness and health until he is twenty-one years old,.....	46 00
Jeremiah Foster, for cash advanced for stationery for use of town,.....	3 28
Thomas W. Sargent, for $\frac{1}{4}$ cord of wood delivered to Dorcas Heath,.....	1 00
P. B. Cogswell, for printing 550 Town Reports for 1861,.....	18 00
Nathan Carter, for two days work, and material furnished on the town's farm,.....	4 69
Phinehas Danforth, for services as Agent on Town Farm for A. D. 1861,.....	175 00
Alva Green, for wood, glass, and taking care of the Town House,.....	7 93
Town of Hopkinton, for funeral expenses of Daniel Downing's child,.....	5 40
Emily A. Smith, for boarding Sarah J. Buckley, Oliver C. Fisher, for the abatement of the taxes of the following persons for the year 1861:	4 17
Charles A. Bean,.....	3 24
George E. Bell,.....	1 70
Amos Davis,.....	1 70
John Danforth,.....	3 55
Warren Ferrin,.....	4 54
Joshua Ordway,.....	1 60
John M. Paige,.....	1 70
	18 08
O. C. Fisher for abatement of Mark Brown, Catharine Colburn and John Hathorn's taxes for A. D. 1861,.....	2 82
James B. Wood, for abatement of poll tax on highway, .....	40
Wells Davis, for abatement of tax in part,.....	76
Oliver C. Fisher, for the abatement of taxes of Volunteers,—	
Ebenezer Adams,.....	1 70
James Caldwell, 2d,.....	1 70
Lyman H. Cheney,.....	3 31
Proctor Collins,.....	1 80
John S. Elliott,.....	2 41
Charles E. Goodwin,.....	1 70

George T. Morrill,	\$1	70
Clarance M. Hill,	1	70
Page F. Howe,	1	70
Matthew H. Perry,	1	99
Lewis Seymōre,	1	70
Wm. W. Wilkins,	2	23
	—	23 64
L. W. Cogswell, for error in tax,	7	78
O. C. Fisher, for time and expenses to Concord,	3	88
Thomas B. Adams, for repairing highway in his district,	1	50
Jonathan G. Clark, for damage of his sled and time in consequence of defect in highway,	4	00
Jeremiah Foster, for cash paid Ira Perley, Esq., for written opinion on town affairs,	5	00
Jeremiah Foster, taking affidavit,	50	
E. A. Boardman, for liquors bought February 12, 1862,	63	25
Charles Knott, for painting and putting up sign- boards,	1	50
Samuel Paige, Prudential Com. in Dist. No. 1,	116	91
Seth A. Morse, “	2,	58 15
Hiram G. Patten, “	3,	64 65
James H. Wood, “	4,	83 91
O. E. Wilson, “	5,	111 95
Joshua H. Colby, “	6,	71 53
C. S. Dodge, “	7,	118 26
Harris Campbell, Treasurer,	8,	103 16
Elisha Rice, Prudential Committee,	9,	56 40
F. T. Huntington, “	10,	63 28
L. H. Whitcomb, “	11,	154 03
Ezra Chase, “	12,	57 78
R. A. Smith, “	13,	49 53
Walter Felch, his proportion of school money,	10	94
David Reid “	“	8 21
George W. Hoyt, “	“	8 21
Levi B. Davis, “	“	2 20
David Clark, for supporting watering trough in 1862,	2	50
Norman Matthews, for damage sustained in con- sequence of defect in highway,,	3	00
Kendall Whitecomb, for 2 days work cutting bushes on the highway in the Wallace swamp so called,	2	00

Paid Cyrus Goss, for a sealed milk measure for the town, . . . . .	\$ 50
Wm. H. Sawyer, for supporting watering trough for A. D. 1861, . . . . .	2 00
John S. Craig, for time and expense to Concord for counsel by direction of the town, . . . . .	4 70
Mrs. A. C. Smith, as aid rendered according to act passed July 4, 1861,	56 00
Mrs. Mary D. Elliott, " "	85 00
Mrs. Lasett Cheney, " "	52 03
Mrs. Sarah E. Barnes, " "	66 00
Mrs. H. N. Green, " "	22 00
Mrs. Martha Ordway, " "	64 00
Mrs. E. R. Connor, " "	24 00
Mrs. E. B. Ferrin, " "	44 00
Mrs. A. R. Ripley, " "	22 00
Mrs. Cynthia Barnes, " "	18 00
Mrs. Mary F. Bean, " "	63 00
Mrs. F. M. Scribner, " "	36 00
Mrs. Sarah R. Bowers, " "	10 00
Mrs. Ellen Bailey, " "	16 00
Mrs. O. S. Knight, " "	12 00
Mrs. Anstiss M. Flanders, " "	12 00
Mrs. Charles Knott, " "	66 00
Forty-four volunteers, one hundred fifty dollars each, . . . . .	6600 00
Horace Paige, note and interest, . . . . .	102 90
Alphonso B. Woods's note and interest, . . . . .	154 05
Moses Colby's note and interest, . . . . .	256 87
Horace Gibson's note and interest, . . . . .	205 80
Mary G. Gove's note and interest, . . . . .	619 98
Frederick Whitney, interest on note, . . . . .	35 50
Naham Colby, interest on note, . . . . .	10 48
Lewis Colby, interest on note, . . . . .	11 89
E. B. S. Sanborn, on contract for recruiting soldiers according to award of Judge Bellows, referee, . . . . .	225 00
One-half of the fee of the referee, . . . . .	4 00
	———— \$229 00
George W. Cogswell, one year's interest on note, Selectmen, interest on cash advanced for the use of the town, . . . . .	9 00 16 00
Mary C. Gove, one year's interest on note, . . . . .	36 00
Thomas L. Sanborn, for services as Superintending School Committee for the year 1862, . . . . .	15 00

Paid Josiah Hooper, for services as Superintending School Committee for the year 1862,.....	\$18 25
William P. Cressy, for support of watering trough in 1862,.....	1 25
William Smith, " "	2 50
James Straw, for lumber, taking affidavits, and administering oaths,.....	1 50
Charles W. Tucker, for abatement of tax in part,	78
Eri Colby, for recording valuation book, cash advanced and journey to Hillsborough on pauper business,.....	7 47
Jeremiah Morse, the County tax,.....	960 75
Peter Sanborn, the State tax,.....	412 80
Timothy Matthews, for abatement of tax in part for the year 1862,.....	1 56
O. C. Fisher, the amount of nonresident highway taxes,.....	23 40
O. C. Fisher, for abatement of poll and school house tax of James B. Wood,.....	2 05
Eri Colby, for services as Selectman in 1862,..	44 25
Jeremiah Foster, " "	47 50
Nathan Sawyer, " "	42 00
Zadok Duston, Jr., for 108 feet of bridge plank,	2 40
Horace Gibson, for recording marriages, births and deaths,.....	3 18
Horace Gibson, for services as Town Clerk for the year 1862,.....	18 00
Horace Gibson, preparing town reports for the year 1861, and services as Town Treasurer, for the year 1862.....	20 00
Horace Gibson, for two journeys to Concord to pay bounties of soldiers,.....	5 60
Nathan Sawyer, for time and expenses to Concord, to present claims against County, fixing stone bridge, and lumber drawn to the Gulf road and aid rendered strangers,.....	16 65
O. C. Fisher, for services as collector of taxes for the year 1862,.....	40 00
Paul Morrill, for balance of expenses of town officers in the year 1861,.....	5 00
Furnishing light and chimney broken at town meeting,.....	1 00
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	6 00

Paid Paul Morrill, for expenses of town officers for the year 1862,.....	\$27 50
Caleb Perry, for support of Sarah Pressy from April 1, 1862 to April 1, 1863,.....	39 00
Jane Davis, in part pay of a note against the town,	50 00
Oliver C. Fisher, for the abatement of the taxes of the following persons A. D. 1862:	
William Abbott,.....	1 86
Geo E. Bell,.....	1 86
Imri W. Ball,.....	1 86
Wm. H. Connor,.....	3 42
Lewis DeFord,.....	2 25
Caleb Frazier,.....	2 87
John Hurd,.....	2 44
Eldridge G. Morrill.....	1 86
Moses Swett,.....	1 86
Buren Carter,.....	1 86
	— 22 14
James Straw, for services as Auditing Committee,	1 00
Alonzo Patterson, " " "	1 00
William O. Folsom, " " "	1 00
Jeremiah Foster, for journey to Concord for counsel on town affairs,.....	2 80
Cash paid for blank bonds,.....	12
Cash paid for nails and lumber to fence up Stone bridge,.....	97
To one day's work fencing bridge,.....	1 00
Cash paid Asa Fowler, for advice in road case,.....	2 00
Journey to Concord, at court on road case	2 80
To 4 bush. potatoes, delivered to Mrs. C. Bailey,.....	1 33
Journey to Concord for advice in bounty case,.....	2 80
Interest on money advanced for use of town,.....	84
Journey to Hopkinton on pauper case,....	1 00
Paid postage,.....	15
Assisting stranger,.....	1 50
Journey to Concord, for advice in bounty case of nine months' men,.....	2 80
	— 20 11
Cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer,....	\$1225 31
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	\$14563 31

We hereby certify that we have examined the several items of receipts and expenditures embraced in the foregoing report of the Treasurer, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

JAMES STRAW,  
ALONZO PATTERSON, } *Auditing Committee.*  
WILLIAN O. FOLSOM,

Henniker, February 28, 1863.

### PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

*Phinehas Danforth, Agent, in account with the town of Henniker,* DR.

Cash remaining in Agent's hands on settlement of last year's account, 11.11; received for butter, 42.87; bacon, 12.40; cheese, 14.82; peas 93; tallow 2.17; dried apple, 9.29; cider, 5.40; poultry, 3.30; lard, 5.45; eggs, 1.89; labor, 12.92; veal, 2.51; pigs, 9.00; neat stock, 54.00 potatoes, 1.66; hay, 4.75; cow's hide, 5.25; calf skins, 1.62; pasturing, 1.00; wood, 3.25; board, 19.00; keeping colt, 13 weeks, 6.50; of county for support of paupers, 3726.65. Total, \$603.73

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Paid for molasses, 8.41; sugar 6.31; tea, 9.05; coffee, 1.42; Salt, 5.20; crockery, 1.57; cream tartar, .36; saleratus, .66; account books, .27; ginger, .12; yarn, 1.60; cloth, .79; lime, .22; matches, .36; potash, .58; glass and putty, .94; earthern ware, .26; wrapping paper, .18; garden seeds, .05; prints, 5.87; bell, .75; scythes, 1.59; thread, .49; rope, .48; twine, .43; oil, .68; butter tubs, .67; spices, 52; DeLain, 1.50; sheeting, 4.53; crash, .95; pens, .05; axe helvess, .33; pork, 5.86; shoes and making, 4.27; camphor, .18; ink, .05; raisins, .20; salt fish, 3.79; denims, .32; soap, 27; sawset, .33; nails, .74; pepper, 22; door handle, butts and screws,

.22; hay fork, .50; buttons, .10; crackers, 1.42; silecia, .15; rye, 4.72; wicking, .52; indigo, 12; broom, .15; shovel, 1.00; baskets, 1.50, bitters, .60; caster oil, .10; testament, .20; tobacco, .54; hoes, 84; clover seed, 1.92; table cloths, 1.00; rakes, .75; sulpher, .10; card, .8; file, .15; stationery, .26; combs, .16; wheat, 27.90; coopering, .72; mending tin, .05; whip-lash, .16; alcohol, 1.00; onions, .22; repairs on harness, .18; labor, 44.94; pig, 2.50; cheese press, 2.50; corn, .83; planed lumber, 3.39; leather, 2.66; rifle, .08; doctor's bill, 1.00; repairing axes, .50; beef, 12.07; board, .50; making cider, 3.00; pasturing, 3.00; plow points, 1.00; saw bill, .50; repairs on cart, 4.50; school books, .49; pump box, .06; medicine, .17; butcher knife, .42; saw, .50; barley, .62; use of plow, .87; use of boar, .50; rennett, 40; iron ware, 1.50; use of bull, 1.00; blacksmithing, 8.74; potatoes, 1.80; cash paid into town treasury, 312.67,	\$532 87
Cash in Agent's hand,	70 86
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	\$603 73
Total Dr.,	<hr/> \$4,164 11

The Town Farm in account with the town of Henniker; DR.

By amount of real and personal property, as per inventory of Selectmen, taken February 22, 1862,	\$3,735 01
Interest on the same,	224 10
Agent's compensation,	205 00
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Total Dr.,	\$4,164 11

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By real estate,	\$2600 00
By personal property as per inventory of Selectmen, taken Feb. 23, 1863, as follows:	
By neat stock and horses 390.00; shoats, 30.00; hay, 150.00; corn fodder and straw, 5.00; beans, 2.00; wheat, 10.50; corn, 47.00; fresh beef, 3.00; potatoes, 21.45; cider, 4.50; vinegar, 2.00; soap, 3.00; ham, 10.00; shoulders, 5.00; pork, 26.00; salt beef, 10.00; cheese, 6.75; boiled cider, .75; butter, 11.20; vegetables,	

2.00 ; tallow and candles, 4.22 ; lard, 5.00 ;	
peas, 1.00 ; dried apples, 3.75 ; soap grease, 125 ;	
green apples, 2.00 ; shingles, 2.50 ; barley, 1.00 ;	
farming tools and furniture, 325.00,	\$1085 87
Bills due,	13 81
Cash in Agent's hands,	70 86
Cash paid into town treasury,	312 67
	—————
	\$4083 21
Balance against the farm,	\$80 90

*Record of Paupers that have been supported at the Farm  
the past year.*

TOWN PAUPERS.	Age.	COUNTY PAUPERS.	Age.
Nathaniel A. May, until September 16th,	8	Mehitable Keazer,	86
Mary Whitman,	40	Judith Hardy,	76
David Connor,	79	Sarah Dolby,	35
Robert Marsh,	75	Betsey Putney,	74
Lucy J. Hoyt, 9 weeks,	11	Salome Leslie,	46
		Jane Whitney,	83

We hereby certify that we have examined the above Report of the Selectmen, and find it correctly cast.

JAMES STRAW,  
ALONZO PATTERSON, } *Auditing Committee.*  
WILLIAM O. FOLSOM, }

February 28, 1863.

#### *Finances of the Town.*

Due Agent on Town Farm,	\$205 00
Due on Notes outstanding against the town,	\$9744 00
Due on other bills,	\$10 00
	—————
	\$9959 00

#### *Credit.*

Due from the State,	\$591 22
Cash in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$1225 31
	—————
	\$1816 53
Balance against the town,	\$8142 47

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The Superintending School Committee presents the following Report :

Perhaps the history of the world furnishes no broader and clearer illustration of any truth, than that penned by the prophet of ancient time: " My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Ignorance is destructive of the dignity, usefulness, virtue, and happiness of man.

It has been well remarked, " Human happiness has no perfect security but in freedom ; freedom none but virtue ; virtue none but knowledge ; and neither freedom, nor virtue, nor knowledge has any vigor, or immortal hope, except in the principles of the Christian faith, and in the sanctions of the Christian religion." But it may be still further remarked, and the truth of the remark is sustained by the testimony of the history of past ages, that the Christian religion itself has no security but in knowledge. If this view is correct, and we think it is, with what jealous care should the interests of the school-room be guarded.

None should be employed as teachers, who do not furnish evidence of good moral character, and whose educational qualifications do not come fully up to the standard fixed by the law of the State. But a good moral character, and a good education are not all that are necessary to guarantee success in teaching. There must be aptness to teach and a faculty to govern, or the school will be of little use. And should it be found, upon an examination of the school, that these qualifications are wanting, the teacher should be immediately indulged, by the unanimous voice, not only of the Prudential and Superintending Committees, but of the entire district, with the privilege of seeking some other employment. We have too many teachers at the present day, who do not like teaching, and only intend to follow it till they find some other situation, that will suit them better. We do not doubt that a few of this class of teachers succeed well in teaching ; but the sooner the most of them find some other employment, the better for our educational interests.

But, could we secure perfect teachers, we should not be sure of success, for there is a power behind the school-room, affecting the interests of the school, and it is felt for good or evil, according as it is exerted. I here refer to home influences. How many excellent teachers have found their efforts paralized by the parent astifying the child in habits of idleness and disobedience. Schools

will never be what they should be, till the parent co-operates with the teacher in creating and strengthening habits of diligence and obedience, in study and behavior.

Of the condition of some of the school-houses I need not speak, for they emphatically speak for themselves, declaring daily that they are totally unfit for the purpose for which they are used. Yea, they are standing epistles, known and read of every passer by. May the day not be far distant when they shall be numbered with the things that were, but are not, and others more worthy occupy their places.

Not being appointed Committee till after the close of the Summer Schools, I shall only be able to report the Winter Terms.

**DISTRICT No. 1.** It will be remembered that the Winter Term of last year in this district, was reported unfavorably. We are happy in being able to report favorably of the *Winter Term* this year. The teacher, Wm. O. FOLSOM, of Henniker, is a very thorough instructor, and good disciplinarian, and possesses the faculty of securing the love and respect of his scholars. As might be expected, the order was good, and the progress excellent. We sincerely hope his services will be secured in this district another year. The scholars are also worthy of much praise.

**DIST. No. 2.** The *Winter Term* was taught by MARY A. CHANDLER, of Henniker. Miss C. labored faithfully, and her efforts were crowned with a good degree of success. We think no one would have done better; and have no hesitency in pronouncing her one of our very best teachers. We hope her services will be secured in future in some of the larger districts.

**DIST. No. 3.** The *Winter Term* of this school was but nine weeks; and at the end of the fourth week it was found necessary, in consequence of sickness among the children of the district, to have a vacation of three weeks. This retarded very much the progress of the school. But the energy of the teacher, HIRAM G. PATTEN, was sufficient to secure a degree of progress seldom equalled in an uninterrupted term of the same length. The discipline of the school was excellent.

**DIST. No. 4.** The *Winter Term* was commenced by MARY EATON, of Swanzey, an experienced teacher, having taught many years both in this State and Vermont. She came highly recommended, and passed a good examination. But strange to tell! in a few weeks the scholars found that she was not a competent teacher, and a number of them left the school. Under these circumstances, after an investigation by the Committee, she left the school at the close of the fourth week. After a vacation of three weeks the services of AMOS COLBY of Hillsborough were secured, who finished the term with credit to himself, and profit to the scholars. We would suggest to the parents of this district, that,

should they again be so unfortunate as to have an incompetent teacher, it will be best for them to keep their children in school till an investigation can be made ; and then, if justice is not done, it will be early enough to take your children out of school.

DIST. No. 5. *Winter Term*, taught by SUSIE M. MARSH, of Henniker, was second to no school in town. Miss M. seemed wholly devoted to her work, is an excellent disciplinarian, and thorough in her instructions. Her services should be secured in town in future years,

DIST. No. 6. Only one term during the year, taught by CARLOS F. HARDY, of Hopkinton. This school, we should judge, is so easy to govern, that the teacher can give his undivided attention to the studies pursued. Under these circumstances the progress of the school ought to have been marked. Mr. H. succeeded *very well*, but a little more energy and thoroughness would have added much to the interest of the school.

DIST. No. 7. The *Winter Term*, taught by CYRUS E. MARSHALL, of Newbury, was very satisfactory. The examination at the close of the term gave evidence of good progress, and good discipline. We think with more experience Mr. M. will make one of the best of teachers.

DIST. No. 8. The *Winter Term* was taught by FRANK A. GORDON, of Henniker. At our examination at the close of the term, which was only eight weeks, we were surprised at the progress made in so short a time. The order was excellent, and with pleasure we pronounce it one of our best schools.

DIST. No. 9. The *Winter Term* was taught by LUCY E. PERRY, of Henniker. This was Miss Perry's third term in this district, which speaks well for her as a teacher. But we were convinced, at our last examination, that she ought to be more thorough in her instructions in Arithmetic and Grammar. The order of the school was excellent, and the progress in a portion of the studies was very good.

DIST. No. 10. *Winter Term*. We were unable to visit this term at its close ; but judging from its condition at our first visit, we doubt not that it was an excellent school. The teacher, JENNIE CLARK, of Henniker, appeared to love her scholars and her work. The scholars appeared to love their teacher and their books. And we were never better pleased with a school at its commencement than with this.

DIST. No. 11. The *Winter Term* was taught by CHARLES H. DARLING, of Henniker. We do not claim perfection for any teacher. All have their faults. Mr. D. has his. But we do say, for the clear and thorough manner of imparting instruction, we have seldom found his equal, never his superior ; and, did we wish to employ a teacher, we know of no one we should prefer to him.



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DIST. No. 12. But one term in this district, taught by ELLEN F. CLARK, of Hopkinton. Miss C. is one of the very best teachers we know of. The progress of the scholars in every study was satisfactory. We hope her services will be secured in this town another year.

DIST. No. 13. The second term of this school, taught by MARY J. SMITH, of Londonderry, commenced before I was appointed Committee, consequently I did not visit the school till its close. Judging from the appearance of the school at this examination, a better teacher could not easily be found. The scholars, few in number, deserve much praise.

## TABULAR STATEMENT.

Number of Districts,	1	47	54
Whole number of Scholars.	1	7	9
Whole No. attending School over 4 years old 2 weeks.	1	11	23
Average attendance of Scholars during the year.	1	16	24
No. of female teachers employed during the year.	1	2	2
No. of male teachers employed during the year.	1	1	1
No. of teachers who have attended Teachers' Institutes.	1	1	1
Length of Summer Schools in weeks.	1	1	1
Length of Winter Schools in weeks.	1	1	1
Wages of female teachers per month, including board.	1	2	2
Wages of male teachers per month, including Board.	1	9	10
Amount of money raised by Town tax for Schools.	1	20	20
Amount of Literary Fund.	1	25	44
No. of visits by Superintending Committee.	1	6	9
No. visits by Prudential Committee.	1	13	22
No. of visits by citizens of the Town.	1	34	59
Walter Welch, George W. Holt, Daniel Reid,	1	6	9
4 Scholars,—Amount, \$10.94,—schooled in Hopkinton. " " " " Weare, " " " " " "	1	5	5
420	14	194	406

The foregoing is a true return of the Schools in this town.

JOSIAH HOOPER, *S. S. Committee.*